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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN TRAFFIC THROUGH MALAWI

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MBABANE FOR OSARAC; NAIROBI FOR REDSO/ EA

1. PERMSEC MINISTRY TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS GOODALL GONDWE TOLD US APRIL 25 THAT MARCH FIGURES ZAMBIAN TRANSIT TRAFFIC WERE APPROX 12,000 TONS TO ZAMBIA PLUS 5,000 EXPORTS. HE DESCRIBED AS DIFFICULT TO ATTAIN IN SHORT TERM ORIGINAL IMPORT FIGURE OF 24,000 AGREED ON WITH GRZ IN FEBRUARY WHICH BASED ON DESIRE TO CLEAR BACKLOG AT BEIRA. HOWEVER, ZAMBIAN REPRESENTATIVES AARON MILNER AND P. J. CHISANGA DURING
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APRIL VISIT ASSURED GOM SOME OF EXCESS CAPACITY WILL BE TAKEN

BY INCREASED USE OF NACALA. NACALA PRACTICALLY UNUSED THUS FAR, BUT ZAMBIA STARTING TO SPECIFY PORT TO BE USED ON IMPORT LICENSES. GONDWE BELIEVES ZAMBIA WILL SOON BEGIN IMPORT WHEAT THROUGH NACALA. IMPORT TONNAGE WILL ALSO BE AUGMENTED SHORTLY BY INCREASED SHIPMENTS OF FERTILIZER FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

2. GONDWE OPTIMISTIC RE LONG TERM PROSPECTS AND CONTINUED USE MALAWI ROUTE AFTER COMPLETION TANZAM RAILROAD. HE ASCRIBED CURRENT TRANSIT TRAFFIC FIGURES

3. GVN FINANCING FIGURES PROVIDED IN PAST WERE FOR:

A. WEEKLY REPORT (AND WEEKLY CABLE) - L/ CREDIT RECEIPTS FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS REPORTED BY DIEMS WITH ERROR PARA 2 (C) ABOVE.

B. MONTHLY REPORT - L/ CREDITS PROCESSED BY DIEMS THRU ADP-- PREVIOUSLY ON FOB BASIS, BUT NOW FREIGHTS ARE ADDED TO PROVIDE C & F VALUE.

4. GVN FINANCED AID FREIGHTS ARE ALWAYS SHOWN AS INVISIBLE IMPORTS.

5. DIEMS IS INCREASINGLY PROVIDING VALUABLE, RELIABLE AND EXCLUSIVE INFORMATION FOR IMPORT STATISTICS ON COMMODITY BASIS. HOWEVER, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DIEMS REPORTING DATA REFLECT COMPLETE STATUS OF IMPORTS WITH ONLY TWO WEEKS DELAY, USAID MUST USE RAW DATA AVAILABLE FROM DCE IF IMMEDIATE TRENDS ARE SOUGHT.

6. IN FUTURE WEEKLY CABLE AND WEEKLY REPORT WILL LIST GVN CREDIT OPENINGS AS FOLLOWS:

THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL FROM THE NBVN' S RESEIGNEMENTS HEBDOMADAIRES FOR LAST WEEK AVAILABLE PLUS RAW DATA OBTAINED FROM DCE FOR REMAINING WEEKS. IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH THIS MANNER OF REPORTING GVN CREDIT OPENINGS, THE CUMULATIVE TOTALS WILL CHANGE WHEN A NEW NBVN FIGURE BECOMES AVAILABLE, AS IT REFLECTS A NET BALANCE WHICH WILL DIFFER FROM THE LAST NET NBVN CUMULATIVE TOTAL PLUS WEEKLY GROSS TOTAL OF WEEKLY DCE REPORTS.

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